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METHOD OF AND APPARATUS FOR IMAGE PROCESSING

RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES

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In response to the Office Action dated July 10, 2003, requiring restriction in the above-identified application, applicants hereby elect Invention I (claims 1 - 23, Article and Method of using the same). This election is made without traverse, but without prejudice to the presentation of claims to the non-elected invention in a divisional application.

In response to the requirement for election of species in the same Office Action, applicants elect Species a, Compounds "(1)." Again the election is made without traverse but without prejudice.

As the Office Action has recognized that all the claims to the elected Invention are generic to all species, claims 1 - 23 are readable on the elected species.

Respectfully,

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